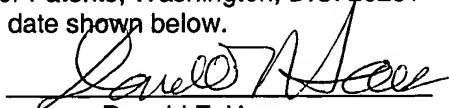


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the accompanying application of)
CHARLES L. EDWARDS, KIRK H. RANEY,)
and PAUL G. SHPAKOFF)
Serial No. 10/679,174) Group Art Unit: 1621
Filed October 3, 2003) Examiner: Jean F. Vollano
BRANCHED PRIMARY ALCOHOL) September 1, 2004
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THEREOF)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

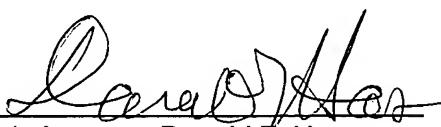
The Applicants hereby request an extension of one month's time to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 28, 2004.

Please charge the \$110 fee to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800.

An extra copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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